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DEPT. PASS JUSTICE FOR U.S. ATTORNEY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: WILKINS/VESCO STORY

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN EXCELSIOR'S LAST CHAPTER OF VESCO/WILKINS SAGA, YET ANOTHER WILKINS DECLARATION GIVEN IN THE U.S. IS CITED, IN WHICH WILKINS REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT (1) SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK PRESSURED HIM INTO SIGNING HIS MAY 21 DECLARATION (2) MENTION OF KIDNAPPING/ ASSASSINATION OF VESCO WAS OMITTED OVER HIS OBJECTIONS, (3) STATEMENT MADE IN COSTA RICA WAS THE TRUE ONE, AND (4) HE WAS WELL TREATED IN COSTA RICAN JAIL. ARTICLE REHASHES EXTRADITION TIE-IN, CHARGES USG WITH POLITICAL PERSECUTION OF VESCO, PUTS WORDS INTO MOUTHS OF EMBASSY OFFICIALS, AND SUGGESTS IF AMBASSADOR IS HONORABLE MAN HE SHOULD PROTEST ACTIONS OF USG AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN EXCELSIOR'S SEVENTH AND LAST CHAPTER OF WILKINS/VESCO STORY, THE VESCO-SUPPORTED DAILY CARRIES UNCLASSIFIED

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LENGTHY EXCERPTS FROM ALLEGED 865-PAGE SWORN STATEMENT

BY WILKINS DATED JUNE 28 AND MADE AT SOME UNSPECIFIED PLACE IN THE U.S.--BUT NOT IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT WILKINS DISAVOWS MAY 21 STATEMENT MADE IN NEW YORK, AND REPEATS THEME THAT HIS MISSION WAS TO KIDNAP/ASSASSINATE VESCO IN COSTA RICA.

3. ARTICLE ALLEGES THAT WILKINS' MAY 21 STATEMENT CONTAINS FALSEHOODS AND OMISSIONS AND WAS PREPARED BY HIGH OFFICIALS AND SIGNED BY WILKINS UNDER PRESSURE AND THREATS. EXCELSIOR SAYS ITS "INVESTIGATION," SUPPORTED BY QUOTES TAKEN FROM WILKINS' JUNE 28 STATEMENT, HAS TURNED UP FOLLOWING:

A. AFTER EXPULSION FROM COSTA RICA AND ARRIVAL IN MIAMI, WILKINS WAS SPIRITED DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK, WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIS FAMILY.

B. UPON ARRIVING IN NEW YORK HE WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO ELLIOT SAGOR'S OFFICE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WHERE HE WAS OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING WITH SAGOR AND OTHERS WITHOUT HAVING SLEPT FOR NEARLY 40 HOURS.

C. WHEN WILKINS TOLD SAGOR THAT HIS MISSION AGAINST VESCO HAD FAILED AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN A SWORN STATEMENT TO COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES INCLUDING NAMES OF USG FUNCTIONARIES WHO CONTRACTED AND PAID HIM, SAGOR BECAME INFURIATED AND THREATENED WILKINS.

D. USG OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE WILKINS MISSION THEN REALIZED THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION COULD COME TO PUBLIC LIGHT AND PROSECUTOR SAGOR PROCEEDED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT FOR WILKINS TO SIGN. WILKINS' OBJECTIONS WITH RESPECT TO OMISSIONS AND INEXACT INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT ESPECIALLY THE ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION WERE IGNORED.

E. THE DOCUMENT THAT WILKINS WAS FORCED TO SIGN IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT AND WHICH THE U.S. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO EXCELSIOR WAS NOT CERTIFIED INDEPENDENTLY

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(FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT). THE WORDS THAT APPEAR IN THIS DOCUMENT WERE SAGOR'S AND NOT WILKINS'. ONLY THE SIGNATURE OF WILKINS (NOT THE CONTENTS) WAS AUTHENTICATED BY A NOTARY WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

4. TO SUPPORT PREVIOUS, EXCELSIOR REPRODUCES WILKINS' RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY UNIDENTIFIED INTERLOCUTOR IN HIS JUNE 28 DECLARATION:

QUESTION: DID YOU ASK FOR A COPY OF THE (MAY 2))  
DOCUMENT YOU SIGNED?

WILKINS: YES.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE?

WILKINS: THAT I WAS UNABLE TO HAVE ONE.

QUESTION: DID YOU THINK THAT YOU HAD AN  
ALTERNATIVE BETWEEN SIGNING AND NOT SIGNING?

WILKINS: NO.

QUESTION: DID MR. SAGOR TELL YOU THAT YOU WERE  
NOT OBLIGED TO SIGN THE DECLARATION?

WILKINS: NO. HE SAID THAT I HAD TO SIGN IT.

QUESTION: DID YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF THREATENED  
WHEN YOU SIGNED THE DECLARATION?

WILKINS: I SUPPOSE SO. HERE I WAS BEING  
REQUESTED TO DO SOMETHING BY SOMEONE OF AUTHORITY  
WHO HAD A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS ME. I THOUGHT  
THAT IT WAS BETTER TO GO AHEAD AND SIGN.

QUESTION: DID YOU FEEL THAT MR. SAGOR WOULD BE  
ABLE TO DO SOMETHING TO YOU OR CAUSE SOMETHING TO  
HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU DIDN'T SIGN?

WILKINS: HE GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY  
WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT ME IN JAIL OR SOMETHING  
IF I DIDN'T DO IT.

QUESTION: YOU CONSIDERED THAT YOU SIGNED THIS  
UNDER PRESSURE?

WILKINS: THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT.

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QUESTION: DID YOU THINK THAT IF YOU SIGNED THE  
DECLARATION THAT YOU WOULD BE PROVIDED  
TRANSPORTATION TO GO HOME?

WILKINS: YES. UNTIL THAT MOMENT I  
HADN'T THOUGHT SO. I ASKED ABOUT IT AND THEY  
ALWAYS POSTPONED IT UNTIL IMMEDIATELY AFTER I  
SIGNED THE DECLARATION.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU AT ANY TIME FELT FEAR THAT  
ANY ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY THE U.S.  
WITH RELATION TO THIS AFFAIR?

WILKINS: YES.

QUESTION: WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS?

WILKINS: I AM WORRIED BECAUSE OF MY PAROLE

AND ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SAGOR OR ANOTHER  
MEMBER OF THE GROUP MIGHT ARRANGE FOR ME TO BE PUT  
IN JAIL TO TRY TO AVOID MY GIVING TESTIMONY. NOT  
NECESSARILY TESTIMONY BUT THAT I TELL OTHERS ABOUT  
THEIR EFFORTS TO SEND ME TO COSTA RICA AND THE PROCEDURES  
THAT THEY USED. RECENTLY I HAVE ARRIVED AT THE  
CONCLUSION THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO COVER UP THE FACT  
THAT THEY WERE EVEN INVOLVED WITH ME, TRYING TO COVER UP  
IN ANY WAY THEY CAN.

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QUESTION: ON SOME OCCASION HAVE YOU BEEN THREATENED  
BY ANY PERSON THAT YOU THOUGHT TO BE AN OFFICIAL,

EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U.S.?

WILKINS: YES.

QUESTION: WHEN AND BY WHOM?

WILKINS: ELLIOT G. SAGOR.

QUESTION: WHEN?

WILKINS: DURING MY LAST TRIP TO NEW YORK WHICH WAS TO REPORT TO THEM. (WHEN THEY PREPARED THE NEW YORK DECLARATION).

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QUESTION: WHAT WAS OMITTED IN THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU WANTED TO BE INCLUDED?

WILKINS: HE PUT IN OUR DOCUMENT A DETAIL ABOUT THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS MADE FOR ME TO GO TO COSTA RICA BUT HE OMITTED THE FACT THAT I, HE, AND ROSS IN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MATTER OF ASSASSINATION, YOU KNOW (SIC).

QUESTION: WAS THERE REFERENCE IN THE DOCUMENT ABOUT CONVERSATION BETWEEN YOU, MR. SAGOR, AND MR. ROSS AND ANY OF THE OTHERS ABOUT POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS?

WILKINS: I DON'T THINK SO. THIS WAS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS BOTHERED ABOUT.

QUESTION: WAS THERE A REFERENCE IN THE DOCUMENT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING MR. VESCO IN THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE OR OTHER WORDS TO THIS EFFECT?

WILKINS: IT'S POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: DID YOU REMARK TO MR. SAGOR ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF DISCUSSIONS ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF ASSASSINATION?

WILKINS: YES. I MENTIONED I WAS WORRIED ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE STILL REFUSED TO PUT IN WHAT HE AND ROSS TALKED ABOUT CONCERNING ASSASSINATION.

QUESTION: DID YOU SAY ANYTHING TO MR. SAGOR THAT THE DOCUMENT SEEMED TO CONCLUDE THE WHOLE PLAN WAS YOURS?

WILKINS: I MENTIONED IT TO HIM. I SAID, "YOU HAVE THIS SEEMING AS IF IT WERE ALL MY IDEA. YOU KNOW THAT IT ISN'T. YOU KNOW THAT IT ISN'T." I TOLD HIM, "YOU DIDN'T PUT DOWN EVERYTHING THAT I SAID."

QUESTION: WAS THERE MENTION IN THE DOCUMENT ABOUT ANY PROMISE THAT THEY MADE TO YOU?

WILKINS: NONE.

QUESTION: DID YOU CALL SAGOR'S ATTENTION TO THIS  
OMISSION?  
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WILKINS: YES.

5. IN A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING  
THE STATEMENT THAT WILKINS GAVE IN COSTA RICA, WILKINS  
IS QUOTED THAT "THOSE LEGAL DOCUMENTS IN THE MINISTRY  
OF SECURITY IN COSTA RICA HAVE MY COMPLETE TRUE  
DECLARATION OF EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED FROM THE MOMENT  
THAT I ARRIVED IN COSTA RICA UNTIL THE MOMENT THAT I DEPARTED."

6. SPECIFICALLY REGARDING KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION  
OF VESCO, EXCELSIOR REPRODUCES THE FOLLOWING DIALOGUE FROM  
THE MYSTERIOUS JUNE 28 DECLARATION:

QUESTION: YOU TOLD US YESTERDAY ABOUT A  
CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK EARLIER THIS YEAR  
BETWEEN YOU, ROSS, AND SAGOR IN WHICH ROSS ASKED  
YOU IF YOU KNEW ANYBODY WITH THE CAPACITY AND  
DISPOSITION TO ASSASSINATE ROBERT VESCO, REMEMBER THAT

WILKINS: I BELIEVE MY EXACT WORDS WERE  
"TO CARRY OUT AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT?"

QUESTION: BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF KIDNAPPING/  
ASSASSINATING MR. VESCO OR PUTTING HIM IN THE TRUNK  
OF A VEHICLESAS DISCUSSED WITH YOU IN NEW YORK?

WILKINS: YES.

QUESTION: TRY TO REMEMBER AS EXACTLY AS YOU CAN THE  
WORDS THAT MR. ROSS SPOKE DURING THE MEETING THAT YOU  
ARE TALKING ABOUT.

WILKINS: I THINK I HAVE ALREADY. MR. ROSS  
ASKED ME IF I KNEW ANYONE WITH THE CAPACITY INCLUDING  
THE WILL TO CARRY OUT AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST VESCO.

QUESTION: PUTTING VESCO IN THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE  
WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU UNDERSTOOD WAS AT YOUR DISCRETION  
IN THE CONTEXT OF YOUR MISSION?

WILKINS: I UNDERSTOOD THAT IT WAS SOMETHING THAT  
WAS POSSIBLE THAT IT COULD HAPPEN...IT WAS DISCUSSED...  
PUTTING VESCO IN THE TRUNK OF A VEHICLE OR THAT I COULD END UP  
WITH HIM IN THE TRUNK OF MY CAR. IT WAS DISCUSSED WITH  
EVERYBODY THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT.  
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QUESTION: AND IT WAS YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEFORE  
YOU WENT TO COSTA RICA THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED  
ITSELF TO PUT MR. VESCO IN A POSITION TO BE CAPTURED  
THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU SHOULD TRY TO ACCOMPLISH.

WILKINS: THAT WAS MY IMPRESSION.

QUESTION: DID YOU CONSIDER YOUR MISSION WAS TO  
INCLUDE KIDNAPPING OR TAKING BY FORCE ANY OF THE ASSOCIATES  
OF VESCO SUCH AS DR. MEISSNER OR MR. GRAZE?

WILKINS: I UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY  
IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO IT, YOU KNOW, BY ANY  
MEANS, TO PUT ANY OF THESE GENTLEMEN IN THEIR HANDS.

QUESTION: DID YOU AT ANY TIME TELL ANY MEMBER OF THE  
GROUP (U.S. SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICIALS) THAT THERE WAS  
ANYTHING THAT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO DO IN THIS MISSION?

WILKINS: NO. I THINK THAT I TOLD THEM AT SOME  
TIME THAT I WOULD BE READY, YOU KNOW, TO ACCEPT ANY  
MISSION THAT THEY PROPOSED TO ME, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

7. ARTICLE GOES ON TO DREDGE UP PAST PUBLIC STATEMENTS  
BY USG OFFICIALS AND GOCR OFFICIALS CONCERNING VESCO  
EXTRADITION, INCLUDING JUDGES OPINION AT TIME 1973  
VESCO EXTRADITION ATTEMPT FAILED. ARTICLE NOTES THAT:  
"UNFORTUNATELY DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL INHIBITS GOCR  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING PUBLIC ALL THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES ON OCCASIONS THAT INVOLVE INAPPROPRIATE  
FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE VESCO CASE..."

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8. AMONG CONCLUSIONS THAT ARTICLE DRAWS ARE FOLLOWING LIES, CHARGES, AND INSULTS REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF USG OFFICIALS, USG, AND EMBASSY IN VESCO/WILKINS AFFAIR:  
--THAT SAGOR FORCED WILKINS TO SIGN A DOCUMENT THAT

HAS INEXACT CONTENTS, IMPORTANT OMISSIONS, AND THAT "REPRESENTS ANOTHER EFFORT TO CONFUSE AND TO COVERUP THE FACTS."

--THAT EX-CONVICT WILKINS WAS CONTRACTED AND PAID BY THE USG TO COME TO COSTA RICA TO COMMIT GRAVE ILLEGAL ACTS AGAINST VESCO.

--THAT "U.S. OFFICIALS ATTEMPTED TO COVER UP THE FACTS, OMITTING FALSE DECLARATIONS, AND WITHHOLDING INFORMATION."

--THAT WILKINS WAS NOT ILL TREATED BY COSTA RICAN  
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AUTHORITIES (NOTE: BOTH NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE AND WILKINS' NEW YORK STATEMENT CLAIM ILL TREATMENT) AND THAT HIS DECLARATION GIVEN VOLUNTARILY TO COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES WAS EXACT AND TRUE.

--THAT "VESCO IS THE VICTIM OF A POLITICAL PERSECUTION ON THE PART OF THE USG."

--THAT THE "USG DOES NOT HAVE PROOF TO SUPPORT THE CHARGES AND ACCUSATIONS OF THE GRAND JURY, WHICH WERE FABRICATED, AGAINST VESCO."

--"THAT THE USG HAS ACTED IN BAD FAITH AND VIOLATED VESCO'S HUMAN RIGHTS."

--THAT "USG HAS PRESENTED FALSE EVIDENCE AGAINST VESCO IN FOREIGN COURTS IN ATTEMPTS TO GAIN HIS EXTRADITION."

--THAT USG "HAS PRESSURED GOCR AUTHORITIES TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS OF PROOF IN THE COSTA RICAN EXTRADITION LAW TO FACILITATE THEIR CASE AGAINST VESCO."

--THAT "USG HAS ORGANIZED OTHER PERSONS BEFORE WILKINS TO ACT AGAINST VESCO, BUT THOSE ATTEMPTS ALSO HAVE FAILED."



--THAT "USG HAS VIOLATED FOREIGN LAWS AND SOVEREIGNTY BY INDUCING THE THEFT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY, AIRPLANES, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ALLEGE THAT SUCH PROPERTIES PERTAIN TO MR. VESCO."

9. IN A LENGTHY LAST SECTION ABOUT THE U.S. EMBASSY ROLE IN THE VESCO/WILKINS AFFAIR, ARTICLE AFFIRMS THAT WILKINS' DECLARATION OF JUNE 28 DEMONSTRATES THAT EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD KNOWLEDGE OF WILKINS TRUE MISSION IN COSTA RICA AT TIME WHEN EMBASSY STATED "WE CATEGORICALLY DENY ANY PARTICIPATION IN ANY ATTEMPTS AT KIDNAPPING OR ASSASSINATION." ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT BY ACCEPTING POSITION OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT IN MAY 21 WILKINS DECLARATION, EMBASSY IS SAYING IN EFFECT THAT WILKINS WAS FORCED TO GIVE HIS DECLARATION IN COSTA RICA WHEN IT HAD FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAS NOT SO. ARTICLE STATES THAT IN ANY CASE EMBASSY IS TO BE CRITICIZED FOR TRYING TO COVER UP THE FACTS OR FOR PERMITTING ITSELF TO BE USED AS A TOOL OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK OFFICIALS AS WELL AS OF OTHER USG AGENCIES IN THE COVER-UP OF THE FACTS IN THE POLITICAL PERSECUTION AND COMMISSION OF ILLEGAL ACTS AGAINST VESCO. ARTICLE SAYS THAT U.S. EMBASSY DID NOT TAKE ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION WHEN IT ORIGINALLY LEARNED OF THE MATTER AND THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATIONS IN U.S. AND COSTA RICAN PRESS EMBASSY OFFERS EXCUSES OR EMITS DECLARATIONS THAT ONLY COVER UP THE TRUE FACTS... THE FOLLOWING SALIENT EXTRACTS FROM WILKINS' JUNE 28 SWORN STATEMENT ARE CITED:

QUESTION: DID MR.( ) (UNNAMED HIGH FUNCTIONARY OF THE U.S. EMBASSY) LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THINGS WOULD GET WORSE IF YOU OBTAINED A LAWYER THAN IF YOU REMAINED IN PRISON WITHOUT ONE?

WILKINS: YES. HAD I THOUGHT I COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT MORE RAPIDLY I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN A LAWYER AS SOON AS I COULD HAVE... I WAS TOLD (BY EMBASSY FUNCTIONARY):- THAT THE AMBASSADOR VISITED THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OR HIS HOUSE EVERY DAY TO MAKE PROPOSALS TO HIM AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD MADE MY SITUATION KNOWN TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT THEY (EMBASSY) WERE WAITING FOR A COPY OF MY DECLARATION... HE TOLD ME THAT THE COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT HAD INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZING MY RELEASE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS... HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT THOSE CONDITIONS WERE. THEY PROMISED ME THAT SOMEONE WOULD RECEIVE ME IN MIAMI UPON MY ARRIVAL-- PROBABLY MY PAROLE OFFICER.

10. ARTICLE STATES THAT AMBASSADOR TODMAN HAS NOT MADE ANY PERSONAL DECLARATION ABOUT THIS CASE, AND

FUTURE ACTIONS WILL DETERMINE HIS GOOD FAITH AND SINCERITY, IN ADDITION TO THAT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ARTICLE STATES THAT BY NOT TAKING ANY POSITIVE ACTION AND BY REMAINING SILENT, AMBASSADOR TODMAN, THE DEPARTMENT, AND USG AGENCIES WILL ONLY SHOW THEY APPROVE OF ILLEGAL AND DIRTY METHODS THAT ARE BEING APPLIED BY THE USG AGAINST ROBERT VESCO. ARTICLE RECALLS AT THIS POINT ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE. RETURNING TO AMBASSADOR, ARTICLE NOTES THAT IF HE REALLY DOES NOT EXCUSE THIS TYPE OF INAPPROPRIATE ACTION AND HE DOES NOT HAVE THE MEANS OR AUTHORITY TO DETEST IT, THEN HE SHOULD NOT BECOME A GUILTY CO-CONSPIRATOR BY AVOIDING THE SUBJECT. ON THE CONTRARY, AMBASSADOR TODMAN SHOULD PROTEST THESE ACTIONS PUBLICLY. ACCORDINGLY, HE WILL BE JUDGED AS AN "HONEST MAN AND AN HONORABLE MAN."

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11. ARTICLE TERMINATES WITH STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION OF ITS ORIGINAL TITLE "COSTA RICAN MISSION TO KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATE VESCO," AND STATES THAT TITLE COULD WELL HAVE BEEN "ONE MORE DAY IN THE PERSECUTED LIFE OF ROBERT L. VESCO."

12. COMMENT: EMBASSY PREPARING SHORT RESPONSE TO EXCELSIOR. TEXT BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.  
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